

April 5, 1989

LB 611, 653

SPEAKER BARRETT: Those in favor of the adoption of the committee amendments vote aye, opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The committee amendments are adopted. Anything further?

CLERK: Nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President. I would just again urge the body to advance the bill. Senator Withem pointed out the issue of assessment and valuation is a critical component of the whole issue of property taxes, valuations, how we fund the various forms of local government, and I think it is vitally important that we get a good grasp on how this is done across the state so that, (A), we understand it, and, secondly, that any misconceptions that we may have are alleviated, and if there are problems that need to be addressed, hopefully we will be able to collect the information necessary to work toward that end. So I would hope that the body would see fit to advance LB 653 to Select File. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: (Mike off) ...I think that the comments of Senator Withem and Senator Hall on this issue because we do rely so heavily for local governments that is funded by property tax, and I think that we have a bill later on, Senator Moore's bill, LB 611, which will maybe, if it is passed, we will kind of move eventually, for the schools move to income tax, but I think that one of the things with the unequal assessment, and Senator Lamb has had a bill today dealing with ag land, but I think we need to move away from relying so heavily on property tax, so I, wholeheartedly, support the advancement of Senator Hall's bill dealing with LB 653. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any other discussion? Seeing none, I'll LB 653 be advanced to E & R Initial. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Please record.